

AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

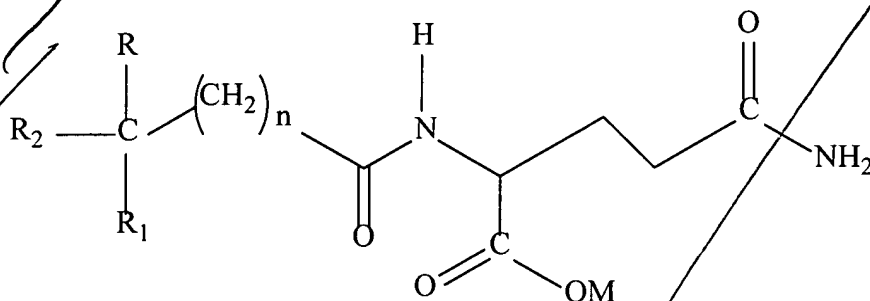
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-7, 9-15, 17, and 18 without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 19-23 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment or inhibition of hypercholesterolemia or hypertriglyceridemia in an affected patient, comprising the step of:
administering to the patient a composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of either Formula I:

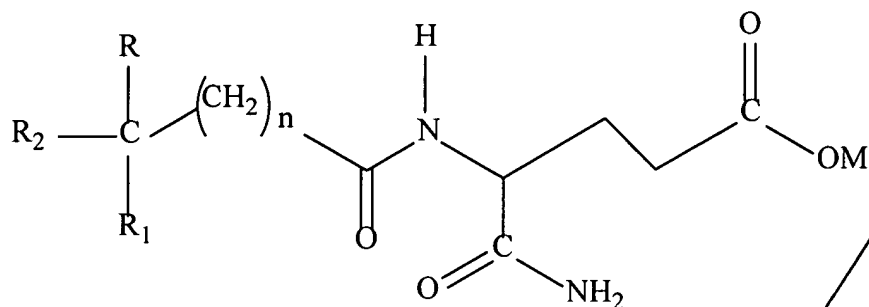
a) Formula I



wherein R and R₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C₁₋₆), or lower alkyl (C₁₋₆); R₂ is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C₆₋₁₂) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium, diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C₁₋₆), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C₆₋₁₂); and n is 0-5;

b) Formula III:

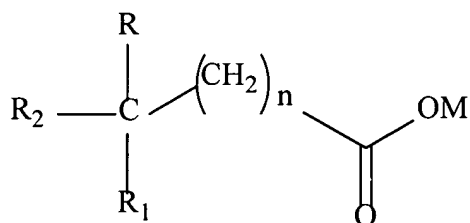
Formula III



wherein R and R₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C₁₋₆), or lower alkyl (C₁₋₆); R₂ is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C₆₋₁₂) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium, diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C₁₋₆), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C₆₋₁₂); and n is 0-5;

c) Formula IV:

Formula IV



wherein R and R₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkoxy (C₁₋₆), or lower alkyl (C₁₋₆); R₂ is selected from the group consisting of aryl (C₆₋₁₂) and substituted aryl; M is hydrogen, sodium, potassium, ammonium, diethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, a naturally-occurring amino acid of MW less than 500 kD, lower alkyl (C₁₋₆), cycloalkyl, or aryl (C₆₋₁₂); and n is 0-5; or,

d) any combination thereof.

--19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound of Formula I is the sodium salt of phenylacetylglutamine, the compound of Formula III is the sodium salt of phenylacetylisoglutamine, and the compound of Formula IV is the sodium salt of phenylacetate.